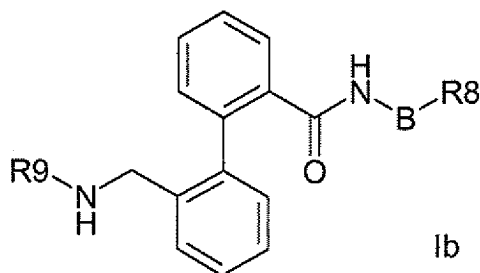


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all earlier versions of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A combination of one or more  $IK_r$  channel blockers and of one or more compounds of the formula Ib



or physiologically tolerable salts thereof,

in which

B is  $-C_mH_{2m-}$ ;

m is 1 or 2;

R(8) is alkyl having 2 or 3 carbon atoms, phenyl or pyridyl,

where phenyl and pyridyl are unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl,  $CF_3$ ,  $OCF_3$ , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(9) is  $C(O)OR(10)$  or  $COR(10)$ ;

R(10) is  $-C_xH_{2x}-R(11)$ ;

x is 0, 1 or 2; and

R(11) is phenyl,

where phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl,  $CF_3$ ,  $OCF_3$ , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms,

wherein the combination comprises

2'-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetylamino]methyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide and ibutilide, or  
2'-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetylamino]methyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide and dofetilide,  
or the physiologically tolerable salts thereof.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising a combination as claimed in claim 1 as active compound, together with pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles or additives and, optionally, one or more other pharmacologically active compounds.

7. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical product comprising ~~one or more IK<sub>r</sub> channel blockers together with one or more compounds of the formula Ib, or physiologically tolerable salts thereof,~~ a combination as set forth in claim 1 for simultaneous, separate or sequential administration for the treatment of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutters.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutters comprising the simultaneous, separate or sequential administration of a combination as claimed in claim 1.

9-12. (Cancelled)